

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Juing-Yi Cheng, et al.

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6**97** 10/967,833

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Spacer Deposition

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Examiner:

Dang, Trung Q.

Art Unit:

2823

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### **TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop: AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application.

- 1. Amendment in Response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2004;
- Check in the amount of \$88.00;
- 3. This transmittal (in duplicate); and
- Return postcard.

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BEFORE SPACER DEPOSITION	§	

## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

# **Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action of September 3, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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